



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

Thank you for your March 7, 2019, letter regarding proper oversight of federal contractor Tetra Tech EC. The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency agrees that proper monitoring of contractors to detect any possible fraud and protect the taxpayer is essential.

The EPA's Suspension and Debarment Division has coordinated with the U.S. Navy who is leading efforts on any possible suspension and/or debarment action against Tetra Tech EC. A Suspension and/or debarment action taken by any federal agency is enforced government-wide. To guard against awarding contracts to suspended and/or debarred entities, the EPA ensures that any potential awardees do not appear in the System for Award Management Exclusion Database, which is a government-wide list of all suspended and/or debarred companies and individuals. Additionally, the EPA considers the past performance of potential contract awardees, such as the "unsatisfactory" rating the Navy gave to Tetra Tech EC, in its contract award decisions. Past performance ratings are housed in the System for Award Management and consulted regularly by EPA's contracting staff.

Finally, the EPA relies on its cadre of well-trained and certified contracting and program staff to protect the government's interests during contract performance by providing technical direction and oversight to the contractor.

If you have further questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Christina Moody in EPA's Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations at moody.christina@epa.gov or (202) 564-0260.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donna Vizian", is written over a horizontal line.

Donna J. Vizian
Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator

